

REMARKS

By this amendment applicants delete claims 118 -167. Therefore, claims 66-117 and 332-349 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the Advisory Action date January 22, 2004, the Examiner notes that the Amendment filed on December 6, 2003 have not been entered because of alleged new matter.

The Applicants note that the same claim amendments presented in the amendment filed on December 6, 2003 have been presented again. The only difference being that the amendments to claims 76 and 102 do not now include the changes that the Examiner has indicated as introducing new matter.

Further Fig.7 and all references to it have been deleted. The rest of the figures have been renumbered accordingly. Specification has been amended to reflect the new numbering of the figures.

The Applicants incorporate the comments made in the Amendment filed December 6, 2003, by reference.

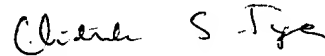
The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that the arguments made in the above-mentioned amendment will remove some of the grounds for the rejection under section 102 and 103. Accordingly, the Applicants request the Examiner to indicate specifically which claims will be allowable so that the Applicants can adopt an appropriate strategy for the further prosecution of this case.

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Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

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